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'Tis the Season

by JIM BRADLEY

A nighttime view of the Harding campus reminds students that Christmas is on its way. The Christmas tree decorations, the lights outlining the Administration

Building, and other yuletide decorations deck the campus compliments of the Student Association.

Brants leaving for Kansas

by Jimmy Allen

Bill Brant, assistant professor of speech and faculty advisor for KHCA radio station, will be leaving the University following the fall semester in order to become the manager of a new radio station in Wichita, Kan.

Brant, a graduate of Freed-Hardeman and Harding College, will be one of three full-time workers employed by Friends University in this broadcast effort. The FM station is to be a large part of the new mass communications program at Friends.

The move to Kansas, which Brant calls "God's country," will be made during the Christmas vacation. Previously Brant attended graduate school at the University of Kansas at Lawrence, and he mentioned his attachment to the land of the Jayhawks as a primary reason for his departure.

"I enjoy the area geographically," Brant said. "I also feel the job will be advantageous for my career and

family."

As station manager, Brant will be performing many duties similar to those of his Harding post. The Kansas station, like KHCA, will be staffed to a large degree by students. It plans on airing programming daily for 12 hours to begin with, and Brant hopes to increase that amount as time passes.

Brant and his wife, Patrecia, who splits her time between academy and college teaching, plan to place their three children — Arthur, 10; Joel, 5; and Bethany, 4 — in the Wichita school system in time for the beginning of the spring semester.

Mrs. Brant has not yet found a job in the Wichita area. "I don't have a job yet, but I most definitely plan to look for a teaching position once we get there," she said.

Behind Brant and his nine and a half years, two as a student and seven and one half in teaching, are many fulfilling moments.

"Without a doubt the thing I

have enjoyed most is watching students come in, mature, go out into the professional world of broadcasting, and then succeed," said Brant. "I can turn on the TV right now and watch former students present the news. Their training was a product of our program, and I could do the same thing in Florida, Texas, Alabama, and other places."

"I think the mass communications program has developed well," Brant continued. "We now have a good reputation for turning out quality people who have a knowledge of media work."

In Brant's place, speech department chairman Evan Ulrey announced that Lewis Butterfield will teach the spring radio and TV productions class while Rick Beckham will serve as the staff sponsor to KHCA.

These position changes are to be for the spring semester only, with further announcements regarding permanent faculty appointments.

Dennis Organ to head English department

Dr. Dennis Organ has been named chairman of Harding's English department, filling the position to be vacated by Dr. Gary Elliott at the end of this semester.

Dr. Elliott resigned to become academic dean of Columbia Christian College in Portland, Ore.

"We will miss his (Dr. Elliott's) leadership and contribution to the department, but I think he left us in pretty good shape," said Dr. Organ, associate professor of English. Dr. Organ, who joined Harding's faculty in 1967, plans to "try to continue a good work, building a strong curriculum and faculty."

As chairman, Dr. Organ will be responsible for tasks ranging from planning the department's curriculum to keeping faculty members involved in professional organizations and activities.

No immediate plans have been

made to add to the department's faculty, said Dr. Organ, but two instructors who had been teaching part-time may be teaching full-time in the spring.

In addition to the new responsibilities as chairman, Dr. Organ plans to maintain his current teaching load of English and journalism classes as well as advising the Bison.

Inside

The dating game...

What do students say about dating, privacy, spouse-hunting, and PDA? See stories, page 6 and 7.

Gotcha!...

The buzz and the barricade tell you Tattle-Tape has your number. Story, page 8.



Opinion

Bison takes stance on Crossroads

In light of the recent volley of letters to the editor, we of the **Bison** feel compelled to acknowledge an ongoing debate and take a stance in the Crossroads controversy.

Crossroads, a congregation of the Church of Christ in Gainesville, Fla., has become very well known among our brotherhood because of its unconventionality. The **Carolina Christian** (June 1981) reported that Crossroads has "sent out scores (perhaps hundreds) of emissaries all over the nation. And wherever they have gone, the philosophy is either accepted, modified, or outright rejected — it knows no neutrality." Members of the Church of Christ are taking sides.

Those siding with the Crossroads congregation see it as "a congregation of God's people" and "a body of our Lord Jesus Christ," that is "striving for a wholesome total commitment to God."

Even Crossroads' denouncers, like the **Carolina Christian**, cite certain characteristics of the "movement" that they find "right and Scriptural." Among these are: "the conversion of souls to Christ, the conversion of people which causes division in denominational or unbelieving families, the involving of new converts in the Lord's work, total commitment, the retaining of as many converts as possible in faithful service, strong preaching or exhorting one another to love and good works, individuals or groups of individuals working independently within the framework of the church to build up the church, private or group devotions designed to glorify God and defy His people, the ruling of the elders, the seeking of help and advice from older Christians, confessing (in the sense of acknowledging) sins one to another, and Christians associating themselves one with another in dating, marrying, and working with and for one another."

Those taking the side against Crossroads see it as like a "bad germ that will spread throughout the nation," a group of people whose "words do not coincide with their actions," who are "cold, hard, and to-the-point in condemning those who will not join the bandwagon and become totally committed not to Christ, but to the Crossroads philosophy."

Crossroads' denouncers see it as taking basically wholesome fundamentals and taking them to extremes. Cited in the **Carolina Christian** were extremes such as: "converting souls under cultic or high pressure tactics; conversion as a means of dividing families

and friends; high pressure tactics to get others involved in religious activity; total commitment to another's concept of right or wrong, to a method or plan other than that plainly taught in the Scriptures, to some cultic type leader, or to a rigid, inflexible schedule; retaining converts by scare tactics and manipulation; binding human rules as to daily devotions, evangelism, dating, habits, time, etc.; individuals or groups of individuals working outside the framework of the church to either change the church or replace it; private or group devotions to replace the worship of the church; a 'prayer partner' whose purpose is to advise on all activities and whose 'advice' becomes authoritative; confessing sins (in the sense of revealing them) to a specific person (e.g., a 'prayer partner'); and making human rules as to who a Christian may associate with, date, how often to date, who to marry, who to sit with in an assembly, etc."

Some very conflicting messages about Crossroads are being sent out. Some are accurate and some are not. There is much confusion over what exactly are Crossroads' idiosyncracies.

An article in **The Word of Life** (September 1981), which stated its purpose as "to define Crossroadsism and to expose and refute its errors," described Crossroads as "a fast-growing denomination," "willing to compromise on truth for the sake of growth and statistics." This article went on to list among five of Crossroadsism's "able and sophisticated defenders" — Harding University.

Perhaps a select group of people here at Harding support Crossroadsism, but it is quite an exaggeration to say that the University as a whole defends the philosophy. With such an overt show of disregard for the truth evident in that statement, what is to keep the reader of that article from suspecting exaggeration in the description of Crossroads' "errors"?

We of the **Bison** have decided upon our stance and it is one of neutrality. We feel such a position is possible and preferable.

Few of us living miles from any tangible evidence of the Crossroads church know — beyond a shadow of a doubt — what precisely the Crossroads philosophy is. We hear stories. We know someone who went there. We know someone who knows someone who said such and such. But very few of us have actually been to Gainesville and seen the effects of the Crossroads philosophy.

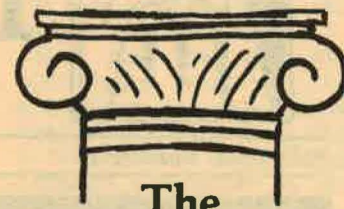
God allows us to discern what is false and to warn others of the dangers of false teachings. God does not allow us to gossip, slander, or spread reports whose accuracy is uncertain.

God allows us to have our personal opinions and concerns for those around us. God does not allow us to hold judgments of other peoples' destinies.

Our purpose in publishing this editorial is not to side for or against Crossroads. Our primary purpose is to call a cease to idle talk and to the continuing flow of the letters to the editor concerning Crossroads.

We at Harding (as of yet) are not directly confronted with the decision of the Crossroads philosophy. When this decision does face us, it will be a personal decision that should be made by the individual only after careful study into the true entity of the Crossroads philosophy. Until a person makes such a decision, we suggest an attitude of wariness for obvious reasons.

If a reader is stricken with concern for the Crossroads church — whether positive or negative — because of what he has read, or what he has heard, or what he has seen, writing letters to the editors of the **Bison** is not the solution. If a reader is stricken with concern for the Crossroads church, he should address his letters to the congregation in Gainesville, Fla.



The Fifth Column The grand finale

by Boo Mitchell

Death is a natural thing, so to speak. Death is so permanent, yet life is so impermanent. Not that death bothers me — because it does. What bothers me more is that of extravagant funerals. Smiling millionaire morticians bug me. It's just downright morbid to think about someone who deals every day with death and smiles.

The way I see it, I'd just as soon be buried in a pine box in the back of the yard and save the money. Not that I enjoy the smell of pine boxes or that chain-link fence scenery turns me on. If I'm going to have a funeral, I would require that the following conditions be met:

(1) The strains of "Funeral for a Friend" will be heard as my casket moves down a 100-foot conveyor belt above the heads of the studio audience.

(2) As soon as the casket reaches the front, it is turned upright. (Unknown to the studio audience, a live actor, not me, is in the casket.) As people come by to view the body, the actor steps out of the casket with the entire audience scattering and two 80-year-old ladies jumping out the window.

Another possible interesting funeral would be one held at 10 p.m. The entire church auditorium would be lit by candles aligned beside the pews with eight rabbis carrying my casket to the front podium as if it were the Ark of the Covenant. In the background, Jewish music heightens the coming climax. The casket is placed on a plank and then gradually hoisted to the 20-foot ceiling with ropes. When the casket nearly reaches the ceiling, it rolls off the plank and as it hits the ground, it explodes into a ball of fire. At this point, the Pope walks in and informs the remainder of the audience that the end of the world is coming and for everyone to sell their property immediately.

I'm sure you're saying, "Heck, this isn't as good as Boo Mitchell usually is." The truth is I've been living off the reputation of my name (and a bad one at that) for quite some time. I used to be funny when I was a freshman but let's face it — this cat is washed up! I was hilarious in high school. You would have loved me then. You're probably just sitting in the Student Center now looking at this article and munching on a Bison burger (goodness knows what they put in those things) and saying that the jalapeno peppers are really hot today on the nachos and you'd like to order a soft drink in the Student Center but you aren't going to because when you order one you get a cup of ice and you don't like ice and that Boo Mitchell really used to be funny but now you use that page for the kitty litter box so he really isn't worthless after all.

Letters to the Editor

Gainesville native defends Crossroads

Dear Editor:

I am deeply distressed by some of the articles I've read concerning the so-called "Crossroads Controversy."

I am from Gainesville, Fla., and was brought up going to the Crossroads Church of Christ. And no, I am not brainwashed.

Mr. Matthew Ford said that people from the Crossroads church condemn those who don't become totally committed, "not to Christ, but to the Crossroads philosophy."

First of all, only God can condemn someone, and the people at the Crossroads church will be the first to tell you that.

Second, what is taught there is

total commitment to Christ. Not to anything, or anyone else.

I urge anyone else who has a misconception or heard something that they don't agree with about the Crossroads church to read the Nov. 17 issue of the **Firm Foundation** (found in the library). There is an article in there by Chuck Lucas, the minister at the Crossroads church. This is an excellent article and will answer many questions or misconceptions you might have. If you do have any questions you owe it to yourself to read this article, or better yet go to Gainesville and see for yourself. If more people would go and see for themselves, I'm sure this nonsense would be solved.

Your brother,
Mark Waters

Words, words, words

"My son, preserve sound judgement
and discernment,
do not let them out of your sight;
they will be life for you,
an ornament to grace your neck."

Proverbs 3:21,22



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Fall suspensions total five

Five students were suspended from Harding during the fall semester for violation of school policies, said Patty Barrett, dean of women.

Of the five suspended, one was suspended for Bible class absences, and the others for drugs or sexual immorality, which result in automatic suspension.

Suspended students can appeal to the Student Affairs Committee who then makes the decision as to whether the student should be reinstated. Students can also appeal to President Clifton Ganus.

The number of suspensions this semester is down from last year. "Students seem to be realizing that rules are enforced and that they will be sent home, because

of this I feel that that may be why we have the decline in suspensions," said Barrett. "Also, a lot of people have felt that the students' attitude has improved. We've been fortunate that there aren't as many problems as last year."

Dean of Men Eddie Campbell said, "In the past, problems have gone from possession of drugs to DWI cases. Years ago drugs seemed to be a problem, but now the drinking problems seem to come to the surface. Drugs are around, but not on the surface. Drugs are available and we don't approve of it, but there are times when this happens."

When asked about how students get involved in breaking

rules, Campbell said, "With boys, they seem to deal with peer pressure more and tend to form groups. They come up with some crazy things to do and there is not half a mind in the whole group and they just don't think before they do things. Some need to get suspended to realize that they are responsible for their actions."

Campbell said, "Discipline is a part of every person's life. I see a lot of students having to subject themselves to school suspension and it has a significant influence on their life. Usually the experience of suspension brings the student closer to his parents, God, and the local church. Suspension can be a blessing in many cases."

Speech students capture two trophies

Vernon Thompson, a junior from Orange Park, Fla., and Melody Brown, a senior from Memphis, Tenn., captured third and fourth place trophies in a TV news broadcasting event at a speech tournament held Nov. 20-21 at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill.

Harding was represented by four students: Vernon Thompson; Melody Brown; Jo Matthews, a senior from Sumerco, W.Va.; and Paul Perkins, a senior from Rochester, N.Y. Harding was the only Arkansas school represented.

There were seven events that students could enter: TV news broadcasting, extemporaneous

interpretation, duet interpretation, interpretation of prose, interpretation of poetry, interpretation of drama, and impromptu speaking.

Matthews and Perkins participated in three events each. Matthews participated in prose reading, impromptu speaking and extemporaneous interpretation, and Perkins participated in prose reading, poetry reading and extemporaneous interpretation.

"This was a major tournament and the competition was hard," Matthews said. "There were 30 colleges from all over the Midwest that competed and they were all excellent schools. The

number one school in the nation was even there!"

"Judging was done by college professors, teachers, and speech team coaches," Matthews said. "Each school sent a certain number of judges."

"The TV news broadcasting event was a little different," Matthews said. "With Vernon and Melody, they only got a one-time shot. In this event, each competing student was put on video tape as he read a prepared script that was approximately five minutes long."

We were real proud of Vernon and Melody, they both ended right at five minutes. It was really good!"

The Forensics Team will not have another competition until next semester when they will travel to UCA in Conway in mid-January to compete in debate and individual events competition.

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Christians in the World

by John Cooper



Beware of losing patience during week of final tests

Well once again it's that fun-filled time that we all know as finals. A time when the campus moves to the tune of insanity and late night study hours.

In the midst of all the last minute cramming and confusion, one of the first items of our attitudes to crumble is our patience. It is amazing how when the situation gets tight, we will suddenly compromise our values and personality.

Unfortunately, when we lose our ability to control our patience, there are certain groups that tend to receive the brunt of our verbal and mental abuse. These people are often attacked without any forewarning and, at times, after considerable malice has grown in the heart of the attacker.

One of the groups I am talking about is teachers. How many times have you heard an angry student jump a teacher about the bad grade that he or she was going to get, or get mad because the teacher would not give the student another chance? Sure, sometimes a student will get a bad deal from a teacher, but even that does not give a student a license to lose his or her patience. The best way is still to go talk it out with them first (kind of sounds biblical, doesn't it?).

Another group is that of other students and our parents. I can remember a few years ago walking past a room in a dorm during finals and hearing a student rave at his parents on the phone, only to later feel very guilty because he had no reason to get mad at them, other than the fact that he was under pressure.

Last year I even witnessed the beginning of a fight in a dorm because of a lack of patience on the part of both parties. Many a student has also found it easy to verbally abuse their roommate during this time of year.

Probably one set of people that we do not even think about abusing is ourselves. When the strain gets great we often make unreasonable demands on ourselves. We can even get to the point where we force our bodies to accept stress levels that may eventually damage it.

The prime individual that we need to not lose patience with is God. Lose patience with God, you say? Of course! How many times have we asked (demanded) from God an answer and gotten angry when he did not answer it at that moment?

The Bible is full of individuals that did not have the patience that they needed. Go back and read about Abraham, King Saul, David or the apostle John. At one time John wanted the Lord to call fire down on a group of stubborn people that did not accept Jesus. Years later though after learning who Jesus was and what true patience is his attitude was to love them and be patient with them.

Paul had his thorn in the flesh and wanted God to remove it, but God felt it necessary to keep it there. Paul had patience in that situation. If we can harness that patient attitude and allow God to work on His time schedule, then there will be less tension on our part. Allowing God to direct our patience will help us to better relate to God and fellow students.

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Writing Contest open for entries

until March 1

March 1 is the deadline for all entries to be submitted for the annual Creative Writing Contest sponsored by the English department.

According to Dr. Jo Cleveland, associate professor of English, entries will be judged in four categories: poetry, fiction, essay and hymn lyrics. Entries must be typewritten and only one poem should appear per page. There is no limit on the length of the manuscripts.

Entries must be in a folder or envelope with the author's name on the outside only. The author's name should not appear on the written manuscript. Any regular student of Harding University or Harding Academy is eligible.

Fictional writings may be turned in as dramas, short stories, or novels. Essays may be written as personal experiences, character studies, editorials, and human interest stories. Hymn lyrics must be turned in with a suggested tune or the music.

Three cash prizes will be awarded in each of the four categories. First place will receive \$20, second will receive \$10, and third, \$5. The judges will be selected from the university.

The entries should be turned in to Dr. Cleveland in the American Studies building room 306.

First place winners in last year's contest were Paul Perkins, Laura Brown, and Lanell Morgan.

University continues Phase IV fund drive

by Tony Bono

Harding's present fund drive "Phase IV, Decade of Development" is still in full swing, according to Lott Tucker, Harding's vice president for finance.

The campaign includes the completion of the new business building by fall 1982 and the construction of an addition to the science building before summer 1983. Tucker said that Phase IV funding would conclude at the end of this month.

One half million dollars is yet to be funded for Phase IV's \$1.8 million business building; most of the funding for the science building addition is not yet complete. President Clifton Ganus said that an additional \$950,000 in funding is also needed this year just for general operation. Tucker said an additional \$1 million in gifts will be needed each following year for the next five years to keep Harding's doors open.

Does this mean tuition will increase? Tucker said he isn't really sure, but he tends to believe there will be a slight increase next school year. "It all depends on inflation more than anything else," he said. When inflation increased 15 per cent several years ago Harding tuition had to increase considerably, Tucker said, but he now believes the rate of increase has slowed.

"I don't think we'll increase tuition, fees, room and board in the next few years as much as we have in the past two years," Tucker said. "However, events

could occur which would change my mind."

Dr. Ganus said "Harding utilities increased 25 per cent from last year; we didn't increase tuition, fees, or room and board that amount."

"We'll have to raise the money," Dr. Ganus said, "And that's what we're doing right now."

According to both Dr. Ganus and Tucker, the present fund drive is designed for the completing of Harding's building expansion program and for the meeting of increased operational costs.

"When we complete our present building expansion, with 3,000 students we won't have needs for any additional buildings," Tucker said. "At present we're not looking toward expanding the student body nor the number of buildings beyond the Phase IV plans. I think we'll have a problem maintaining the number of students we have now for the next few years," he said.

"This problem (of low enrollment) is happening all across the nation. Fewer high school graduates are attending college," Tucker said.

Dr. Ganus believes that the only major building project in the next several years will be the renovation of the American Studies building. "When the business department moves to its new facility, we'll have to rework the American Studies building in some way in order to ready it for the programs which will be

housed there," he said. These programs include English, education, history, journalism, humanities, and the social sciences.

Tucker said the Harding budget is broken down into several different fund categories: the general operation fund, the plant and building fund, the endowment fund, and the student loan fund.

The general fund and the endowment fund are for operational expenses. The plant and building fund is for building and ground expansion. The student loan fund is for students who need to borrow money from the University for their education. Endowment is money which is given to Harding and then invested. The actual money itself is never used, only the interest and dividends from it are spent.

Tucker estimates the book value of Harding's endowment to be \$13.5 million. However, the return from the endowment is only \$500,000 per year. The reason for this low return is that \$9.4 million of the \$13.5 million endowment was donated in a will as stock in a large insurance firm. This stock is in a 40-year trust. Tucker said that the return from that investment has been only \$350,000 annually. He said that such an investment should have a return of approximately \$1.5 million, but Harding cannot reinvest that \$9.4 million for a higher return until the end of the 40-year trust period. Tucker said that in 17 years Harding will be

able to reinvest it for a higher return.

Harding's operational cost this year is approximately \$19.5 million. Tuition and fees pay only 45 per cent of this cost. Tucker said this means the University will have to raise the balance from endowment and gifts.

"Students do not pay all their way," Dr. Ganus said. "They didn't when I was in school here. They never have."

Tucker says the next phase will be a campaign drive which is scheduled to begin January 1983. This drive will attempt to strengthen Harding financially. "We're about as financially secure as most universities, but we're not as secure as we would like to be in the form of endowment," Tucker said. Future increases of endowment will be used for increasing faculty salaries, without increasing student tuition much, and for raising scholarships, Tucker said.

There is nothing being announced at present as to the details of the future campaign drive, Tucker said.

Dr. Ganus said that, at present, Harding is more concerned with completing the current Phase IV project. He said, "We're working on the new fund drive plans, but its just in its preliminary stages."

Dr. Ganus said definite plans will be made for the upcoming campaign drive next spring.

Sigma Tau Delta chapter inducts 10 new members

Ten students were inducted into Harding's chapter of Sigma Tau Delta national English honor society, Sunday, Nov. 8.

The new members are Richard Andrzejewski, Laura Brown, Paul Davis, Lori Duncan, Bobbi Friend, Mike Lyle, Diane McQueen, Becky Stewart, Paul Thomas and Betsy Walkup.

To qualify for membership in Sigma Tau Delta a student must have an overall grade point average of 3.0, two upper-level English classes in literature and a 3.0 average in all English classes.

The society announced at that time the formation of a group to discuss literary works. The group meetings are open to the public and consist of discussion on literary works.

The first group meeting was Dec. 1 and favorite poems or poems they had personally written were discussed.

Club president, David Ullom, said that he felt that Sigma Tau Delta was off to a good start this year. He further said, "I'm really excited about our discussion group. We'll be reading different literary works which we often are not exposed to in the classroom. Next semester I hope we'll be working a little with some films which have been made from novels. It promises to be an interesting year."

Sigma Tau Delta is sponsored by Dr. Jo Cleveland, associate professor of English, and Dr. Dennis Organ, newly appointed head of the English department.



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Committees organize spring entertainment

by Jane Gore

Plans for entertainment during the Spring semester are already in the making. Committees have been attempting to select performers, programs, and movies that will appeal to as many students as possible.

Dr. Jerome Barnes, faculty advisor for the Student Activities Committee, and Steve Bible, SAC chairman, have been involved in selecting and arranging concerts for next semester. Michael Iceberg, who visited the campus last year and the year before has been scheduled to present his show again.

A two-man presentation of a slide show of Alaska and original live music composed by the performers, will be given in a Coffeehouse format on Jan. 24. This show is called "I Saw The Wind."

A group named The Shoppe, who performed at Harding a few years ago, has been scheduled for Feb. 25.

The question of who will be our major performer this next semester remains unanswered. Bible said "Hopefully, we are going to have a big concert, but who it will be I have no idea right now." Dr. Barnes reports that some negotiations with Gene Cotton have been attempted, but that scheduling a date has been a major problem.

The movie committee headed by junior Mark Fonville, met Monday night to discuss possible movies for the spring semester. Movie attendance usually drops during the second semester and the committee is striving to find movies that will have large audience appeal. Fonville says that plans for spring include showing cartoons or features before each major movie to provide more entertainment than students might find elsewhere.

The movie committee is planning to try to bring at least one classic musical and one classic war movie to campus. Some of the movies suggested for these include "The King and I," "Oklahoma," "Patton" and "The Green Berets."

Other movies being considered for Spring include such recently released movies as "The Clash of the Titans," "Victory," and "The Dragonslayer." A Walt Disney feature is also being selected. However, these selections are still tentative.

Other films being considered are such old favorites as Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds," "The Ghost and Mr. Chicken" starring Don Knotts, and the tearjerker, "The Other Side of the Mountain."

"Superman I and II" are already scheduled for the first week of next semester.

Streep 'fantastic' in new film

Some films are of such a nature that they practically defy description on paper. "The French Lieutenant's Woman" is just such a film. I liked it — a lot. But I really can't put my finger on any one reason why. "The French Lieutenant's Woman" possesses several fine qualities. And as far as I'm concerned, it's this year's finest film.

For openers, "The French Lieutenant's Woman" is a remarkably beautiful film. It has breathtaking scenery and very thoughtful photography. For this reason, it is a rather easy film to watch. The images flow logically to one another and create a powerful montage. The entire film has a certain graininess to the image, which adds to the atmosphere of the entire production.

"The French Lieutenant's Woman" keeps its atmosphere consistent. From the scenes of the mysterious Sarah by the sea until the final line of dialogue, the film retains a beautifully haunting atmosphere. A lone hooded figure walks on the seawall as the stormy sea crashes below. The beams from a street lamp cut ominously through the mist of a seedy red-light district in London. A blinding thunderstorm obscures a lone figure awaiting a rendezvous. Scenes such as these are many and set a mysterious mood



Movie Review

by David Ullom

for the entire picture.

"The French Lieutenant's Woman" could have been a very confusing film, but thanks to Harold Pinter's fine screenplay, it isn't. He handles the parallel romances in an incredibly easy manner. I didn't have to struggle to follow the course of the action in each time setting.

"The French Lieutenant's Woman" is filmed as a movie within a movie. It's a film about a movie company making a movie of John Fowles' "The French Lieutenant's Woman." Sound confusing? It really isn't. It's actually quite clever.

The performances in "The French Lieutenant's Woman" are of an Oscar calibre. But beyond that, they are the purest examples of the art of acting. Meryl Streep is simply fantastic. She is the mysterious Sarah, and she makes you believe it. She is also totally believable as Anna, the actress portraying Sarah. Jeremy Irons is Charles, the tortured nineteenth century gentleman who becomes obsessed with Sarah, and loses practically everything for her. Irons is also Charles' modern day counterpart, the equally tortured Michael.

But far above all these reasons, I suppose that I liked "The French Lieutenant's Woman" primarily because it's a movie

that makes you feel. It's not the type of film that makes you say, as you're leaving the theatre, "Well, that was nice." Because although "The French Lieutenant's Woman" is a nice, beautiful film, it has a deeper meaning as well.

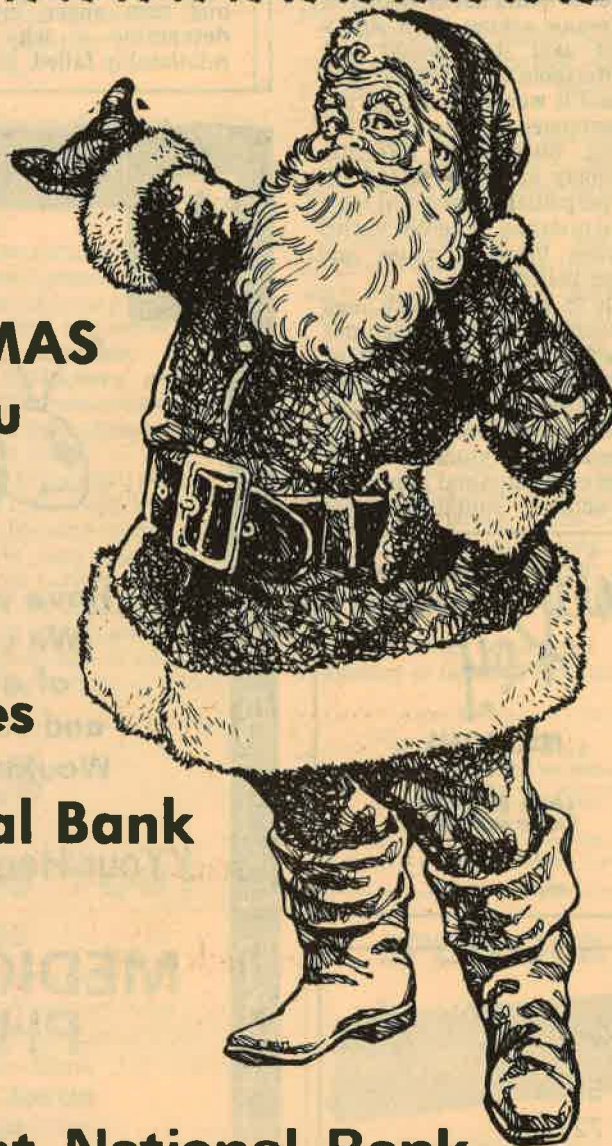
For two hours I watched Sarah, Anna, Charles, and Michael — their lives and loves. But only after the film did I realize that the four characters are actually two characters. They are bound together as life and art are bound together. And they cannot be separated.

As a general rule, the Bison reviews G- and PG-rated movies. However, our policy states that R-rated movies may be reviewed if they are deemed to be serious and important works whose values overshadow the objectionable material that caused the rating.

"The French Lieutenant's Woman" belongs in this category of R-rated films. The film contains absolutely no nudity. The R rating is due to one obscenity and the film's adult theme.

"The French Lieutenant's Woman" is on its way to becoming a modern-day classic. And as with all classics, everyone won't like it. But I did. It makes you experience. And that's what the movies are all about.

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Poll shows some expected, some surprising statistics

by Laura L. Brown

The men at Harding are more likely to look at their dates as future mates, but the women feel more pressure to marry. Men don't mind when women ask them out. Women tend to be more offended by public displays of affection than men. And nearly

Dating around received 40 percent of the females feel they and 50 percent from the women, while 34 percent of the men and 42 percent of the women prefer to date one person.

Seven percent of the females and 20 percent of the males in-

Since the males have financial responsibility in most dates, they feel like they are making an investment when they take a girl out, and tend to be more discriminating in their choice of dates. The females tend to date more for fun or companionship.

Christian colleges are the logical places to go to date other Christians, and males seem more concerned about dating solely Christians, although a majority of both males and females said they would date non-Christians.

Sixty percent of the men and 72 percent of the women said they would date non-Christians. Several said that dating non-Christians gave them an opportunity to lead others to Christ, and a few said they had become Christians after dating other Christians.

Although most women would go out with a non-Christian, most would not date someone they did not want to go out with. Of the 38 percent who said that they would, most said they would accept dates to avoid hurting the boy's feelings or because they said he should be given at least one chance.

Although males say they don't mind when females ask them out, few of the women polled would feel comfortable asking someone out for a date other than a club function. Only 26 percent said they would ask a guy for a date; 74 percent would not. Of the men, 88 percent would not be bothered by a female asking them out; 9 percent said they would feel uncomfortable; and three percent said it would depend on the circumstances.

Public display of affection (commonly known as PDA) another perpetually discussed topic related to dating, received varied responses between males and females polled.

While 75 percent of both men and women were sometimes offended by PDA, 28 percent of the females and only 15 percent of the males said they were very offended; others were somewhat offended. Some students — 25 percent of the men and 13 percent of the women — said they are not

offended at all by PDA. The remaining 12 percent of the women said whether they were offended or not depended on the circumstances.

The poll also indicated that

women were more likely to answer the survey. While 52 percent of Harding's enrollment of 3,076 students are women, 60 percent of the responses the Bison received were from women.



Shari Root (left) and Scott Dilley find the stone wall across the front lawn a good place to talk.

by JIM BRADLEY

one fifth of the females at Harding have not had a date this semester. These statements are supported by the statistics from a survey on dating conducted by the Bison.

The Bison mailed out 500 copies of a two-page survey covering various aspects of dating. Of the 119 responses that were returned, 71 were answered by females and 48 were returned by males.

Some of the statistics are predictable; others are surprising. In answering a question on the average number of dates per month a student has, 18 percent of the women said they have zero dates per month. The next most common answer was one per month, indicated by 13 percent of the responses.

Two dates and three dates per month each received nine percent of the responses, while 11 percent of the women said they date four times a month. Seven percent of the women have eight dates a month.

The answers given most by men were two dates a month and five dates a month, each receiving 15 percent of the response. Ten percent of the men date four times a month, and another 10 percent have six dates a month. Eight percent of the men indicated that they date once a month, while another eight percent date three times a month. Only two percent do not date.

Seven percent of both the men and the women stated that they were going steady with someone and having an average of 30 dates a month.

Since men usually initiate the dating and women generally must wait to be asked, it is not surprising that males seem to be more satisfied with their dating average; 69 percent said they date often enough, while only 48 percent of the females feel they date often enough. Twenty-nine percent of the men and 46 percent of the women are not happy with the frequency of their dates.

Both male and female students prefer to date different people than to date one person steadily.

icated no preference, most stating that they like to date different people until they find one person that they want to date steadily.

If dating around can lead to finding one person to date, dating steadily can lead to marriage. Harding's epithet "the marriage factory" and jokes about M.R.S. degrees have become cliches, but there is truth behind the bantering. In answer to the question "Is there pressure to get married at Harding?", 76 percent of the women and 63 percent of the men said that there is.

Of the males, 46 percent said that they intend to find a mate here, while 40 percent of the women intend to find a husband. Twenty-seven percent of the men and 38 percent of the women are not hunting for spouses, while 21 percent of each sex expressed indifference. Some said finding a mate was a possibility, although they weren't actively seeking one; others said it was a decision that they would leave up to God or to fate.

Of both men and women, 10 percent said that they would feel they had failed if they do not find a mate before leaving Harding.

The biggest difference in males' and females' responses appeared in answer to the question "Do you consider every date a prospective spouse?" While 63 percent — nearly two thirds — of the men do, less than a third — 31 percent — of the women regard all their dates as possible husbands.

Coping Dating — the way

by Cynthia Hooton

They had dated for several months when the relationship seemed to crumble apart. After they first broke up, she was angry with everybody. She would lash out at her roommate for no reason and stay in the dorm all weekend. Then her anger turned to him and the girl he had begun dating. But finally the anger turned inward and she blamed herself for the break-up. What had she done wrong, she wondered. What was wrong with her? Why couldn't she seem to get any dates now? . .

Self-esteem can be affected by many types of dating experiences, such as when a person is involved in the break-up of a relationship or when a person fails to date for a long period of time.

When people go through a break-up, according to Dr. Allan Isom, professor of Bible, they get down on themselves and turn anger inward to determine why the relationship failed. They may

reason with themselves that if they had, in some way, been different the relationship might have worked out.

"Dating really effects self-esteem at Harding because as Christians, we have an unwritten belief that we should marry," said Dr. Isom. "We think we should be the type of person that someone wants to marry."

Because of this sometimes unconscious belief, many students may feel pressure from friends, teachers and the atmosphere of Harding itself to begin dating.

"Society has put such emphasis on dating that if you don't date, you're a nobody," said senior Pam Clark.

Students who don't date, in a society that expects dating, may find their self-esteem affected in several ways. Because dating has a strong element of competition, students may get caught up in learning to do the "right" things in order to get dates, such as dressing nicely or being outgoing. Problems

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A Closer Look

Dating attitudes vary as much as personalities

by Jay Perdue

The habits and attitudes related to dating at Harding are as varied as the individual personalities which make up the Harding student body. Each

person develops his viewpoints via his personal experiences, his upbringing, his own perspective, and as a reflection of his singular personality. But perhaps the most basic distinction in at-

titudes toward dating is in the varying viewpoints of male and female. The two sexes see dating from two very different perspectives.

Men have a choice in their own dating predicament. Women, as a whole do not have a choice. Men play an active role while women play the passive role.

These distinctions are most evident in the reasoning of people who do not date often or who do not date at all.

Why Guys Don't Date
When a man doesn't date, it is generally because he has chosen not to. He may come to this decision for various reasons.

In a survey conducted by the Bison, guys who do not date often or who do not date at all gave as their two top reasons — a lack of

funds and a choosiness as to who they went out with.

"Money is the main problems," wrote a 19-year old sophomore. "I wish I were rich and had a car," responded a junior who estimated his dates at one per month.

A 21-year old junior whose dates average one per month said, "You don't want to take out just any girl when dates are so expensive now. You want to take one out you don't mind spending your money on."

Other reasons men have for not dating more were a lack of time, no car, a girlfriend back home, and merely no desire to go out.

Why Women Don't Date
Women who don't date often or who don't date at all, on the other hand, are usually not directly responsible for their lack of dates. Many responded simply, "Guys don't ask."

Girls do have a say in the matter, however. Statements such as the one made by this senior prove it. "The right men don't ask," she wrote. That particular girl also indicated that she averages zero dates per month.

Some women feel that the guys are inhibited about asking girls out. "Some of the guys feel like you may think something big was going on if they asked you out more than once," wrote a 20-year old junior.

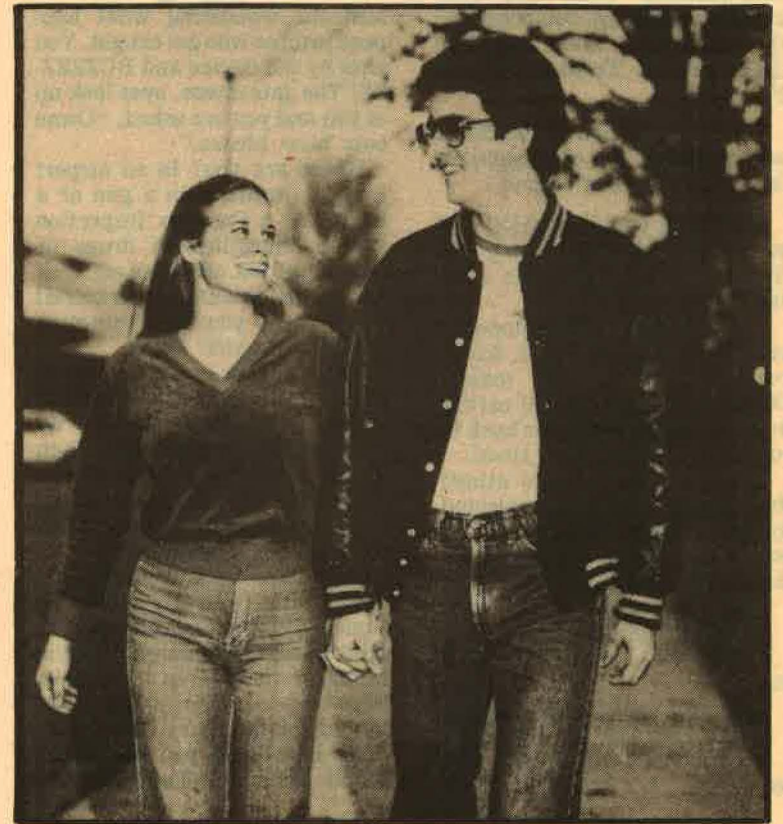
"The guys don't realize that not many of the girls are just out for a wedding band," wrote a sophomore.

A 23-year old senior girl wrote, "Money is no problem — why do guys always think they have to spend money?"

A few women, for several different reasons, found that they were too busy to meet guys or date. "I have to study nursing a lot and I'm gone to clinicals two days a week," wrote one junior, "There's not much free time to meet people or show your interest."

Some girls can afford to be discriminating about who they go out with. One wrote, "I don't date every guy who comes along. I'm choosy and sometimes that gets in the way. I date guys I'm interested in."

A girl who estimated her frequency of dates at zero to one



by JIM BRADLEY

Jennifer Armstrong (left) and Kent Siebold walk hand in hand, one of the least offensive forms of PDA.

per month wrote that she had no desire to date. "I have a lot of my own goals to achieve and dating, serious relationships and marriage would all interfere with my goals," she wrote. "I enjoy my life being single. I don't need to date or to be going steady or anything of the like to establish my self-worth."

One girl attributed her lack of dates to the fact that she's "not a very pretty person." She also wrote, "I believe that many guys feel intimidated by intelligent women."

The Problem of Privacy
Many couples who are involved in serious relationships at Harding seem to feel a lot of frustration when it comes to finding a nice, quiet place to be alone. In the Bison's survey, students indicated three to one that privacy is a problem at Harding.

"The only way to get to know a person is to spend quality time with them. That necessitates some private, quiet time," wrote a 20-year old male student.

What most students seem to want is a quiet place to talk, to listen to music, or "to fix a meal for two" without getting into a "compromising situation."

"I feel guilty sneaking off to some dark place (or car, or bush, or behind a building) to say goodnight," wrote one girl, "But

I think PDA is offensive and I don't want to be a part of that."

Several students cited a lack of private places to go on campus. A 20-year old sophomore girl wrote, "Harding encourages relationships, but reprimands couples if they are in a private place. There are few places to go on campus to be alone and talk without it looking suspicious."

A 21-year old guy wrote, "What places there are, such as apartments and houses, are theoretically off-limits."

A 21-year old girl wrote, "The dorm lobbies don't allow for any privacy at all. No talking or fellowship, crying, etc. can take place without the majority of the campus observing."

"All the swings are sitting right beside a sidewalk and surrounded by lights," wrote a sophomore guy.

"It's the fishbowl effect," wrote another guy, "everyone sees everything everyone does."

The most frequent "solution" to this lack of privacy seems to be an automotive retreat. As a 20-year old female student put it, "The only privacy a couple can find around here, whether it's just talking or whatever, is in a parked car. And that's not an ideal setting for any kind of communication."

Parking got such descriptive labels as "degrading," "high-schoolish," and "leads to problems." A freshman boy wrote, "Then the girl thinks you are a sex maniac for going parking even if you don't do anything."

Some students offered solutions to the privacy problem such as, "more frequent open houses," and "good chaperone dances." One girl wrote, "Early mornings are the best time (for privacy)!"

Privacy's No Problem
A few students indicated that privacy was not a problem for

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to true happiness?

with self-esteem may develop when students still fail to get dates after all these efforts.

"Girls probably have a harder time than guys," explained Dr. Isom. A boy can look at a certain girl and make himself believe that she would go out with him, without his ever asking her. The girl, however, who might like to go out with him is faced with imaginary rejection because he fails to ask her out.

Students who depend on their dating experiences to bring about good self-esteem may want to re-examine why they need dates to feel good about themselves.

"We are always looking for somebody to make us happy," said Dr. Isom. "Some people don't think they can be happy until they are dating or married."

There are several things that one can do to bring about this inner happiness and meaning in life:

1. Before you can truly be happy with yourself, it is necessary to first look within

yourself and see your blessings. Realize that if you are not dating at this point in time it does not mean that you never will be.

2. Another important step to self-happiness is to get involved in things that make you happy.

"If a person is happy within themselves they will better be able to choose to date, but also choose not to," said Dr. Isom.

3. If you desire to date, it is good to get out at club activities and ball games and get to know people in your classes.

It is good for students to remember that "dating somebody makes a difference, but dating is not the most important part of college," said sophomore Mary Clark.

"Self-esteem is an inner battery charger that keeps the system with full power," said Dr. Isom. "The best thing we can do to improve dating relationships on campus is to talk about it and then we don't feel so alone."

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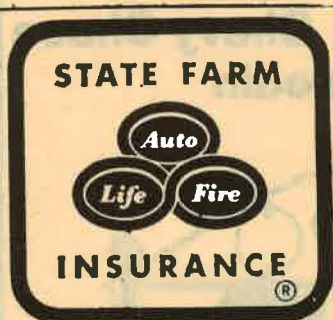
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Bowl winners to go to Austin

Intramural College Bowl competition is over, and the championship team and four alternates will be competing in the regional meet at the University of Texas-Austin on Feb. 5.

When this edition of the Bison went to press, the championship team had not been chosen.

Defending champion AGO slid into a final slot by beating Chi Sigs 215-115 and Sig Tau No. 1 280-160.

The second championship contender, Sig Tau No. 1, had a rougher road to the match. Defeated by AGO 280-160 earlier in the evening, they came back to squeak by King's Men, 110-95.

The four alternates to attend the regional meet will be selected by the College Bowl sponsors, based on their performance during the intramural matches.

The final results:

AGO 215, Chi Sigs 115

Sig Tau No. 1 210, King's Men 80

AGO 280, Sig Tau No. 1 160

King's Men 165, Chi Sigs 115

Sig Tau No. 1 110, King's Men 95

'Tattle-Tape' lies in wait for book thieves

by John Weaver

As you are leaving, you approach a suspicious metal machine. Over your shoulder is heard the giggling voice of someone wondering what happens to those who get caught. You pass by the device and BUZZZZZZ! The gate closes, eyes look up at you and you are asked, "Come over here, please."

Where are you? In an airport trying to board with a gun or a bomb? At a Customs Inspection station smuggling in drugs or diamonds? No, of course not. You are in the Beaumont Memorial Library and you have forgotten to check out your books.

The machine is an electronic sensitive device named Spartan Tattle-Tape that works by detecting magnetized tape. Each library book has a strip of tape placed in it that is demagnetized at the library's front desk when the book is checked out.

Since its installation on Sept. 1, 1978, Tattle-Tape has reminded students to check out their books. Miss Winnie Bell, director of the library, reported that 4,340 books have been taken since 1924, 2,873 of that number since 1967.

She believes 95 per cent of the people who have taken books did

not believe they were stealing, and 80 per cent of them would return the books when they were finished writing their papers. Apparently, she said, they did not want the notices and fines for overdue books.

A possible reason why the people did not return them, Miss Bell said, was carelessness. "Books have been returned to us that were found in the dorms, car wash garbage cans and other places in the city."

Though she does not know exactly how many books have been misplaced since the machine was installed, she will know after the inventory is finished in January. She predicts there will be fewer missing than ever before.

Besides the detection function of the machine, Tattle-Tape keeps a running count of the number of people who use the library. Tattle-Tape's findings show that the Tuesday average is the highest count, with Saturday being the slowest day of the week. The average number of library visits in a given week is about 7,900.

Tattle-Tape is impartial. It has caught faculty members as well as students who have forgotten to



by JIM BRADLEY

Melinda Preble enters the library through the electronic Tattle-Tape system, which counts how many people visit the library each day as well as detecting books that have not been checked out.

check out books. It has embarrassed librarians who forgot to demagnetize the books, too.

Once Tattle-Tape had library workers confused for 10 minutes when it would not let anyone out the door until someone noticed a book lying on top of the nearby card catalog. The book's magnetic tape was being picked up by the machine's scanners.

The most infamous person to get caught was Miss Bell herself, picking out a book to read at home, she was going to check it out. After being side-tracked by someone and thinking she was ready to go home, she tried to

leave. The machine rang and all eyes looked up to see the latest culprit. The librarian checked out her book and promptly left for home thoroughly embarrassed.

Even with Tattle-Tape's help if someone wants to steal a book, there are ways. Though Miss Bell refused to comment on the ways, it would not seem to take a genius to do it.

Tattle-Tape's purpose is to remind the students that they are allowed only to borrow library books, and that the check-out procedure is to give other students a chance to borrow the same books.

Business team combines work, honor to play high-pressure simulation games

by Eddie Madden

Being on Harding's Business Team involves a combination of business practice, hard work and honor. As senior Chris Genry, a team member, said, "It's definitely work and it's definitely an honor. It's an honor to be chosen for it because only four people get on it, . . . but it does include a lot of work."

The 1981-82 Business Team is composed of Genry, senior Dean Mannen, and junior Kathy Burson, all accounting majors; and senior Eric Miller, a management major.

To get on the team, the students had to apply to Dr. Jim Henderson, assistant professor of accounting, and Mr. David Tucker, assistant professor of economics, the two team sponsors. The students were then interviewed and evaluated on the basis of several factors, including grade point average and class participation. According to Dr. Henderson, "They've got to be able to talk and work together because the activities are very team oriented."

The team annually competes in business simulation games, most notably the Intercollegiate Business Games and Conference run by MBA students from Emory University. Twenty-eight undergraduate universities from the United States, Canada, and Western Europe participate in the games.

The Emory games begin with the mailing of a business scenario. The scenario assigns an industry to simulate. The team then begins to do research on the industry: its history, advertising, research and development, quality control, production, and finance.

The team members become officers of their simulated company and begin to make marketing, production, and finance decisions. They deter-

mine prices, salaries, commissions, and sales. Their decision entries are sent to Emory via computer terminals and the computer play will last from Jan. 12 through Feb. 19, 1982. During this six-week period, the team makes 12 major decision, which theoretically equal three years' worth of actual business development. The computer decides who sells the most and who makes the most profit.

On Feb 25-27 the participating teams will convene for the conference at the Omni International Hotel in Atlanta, Ga. There the teams will be presented with a business situation, or, as Genry termed it, a "stumbling block." Each team will then be locked in a room for the night to make decisions on

how to handle the case.

The next day they will present their decisions to a panel of judges, a group of executives actually from the simulated industry who will question them and evaluate their decisions. Last year, for example, the industry was the soft drink industry and the judges were from the Coca-Cola company.

The winners are chosen on the basis of both their computer play and the conference game. Dr. Henderson said, "It's a real challenge but it's also a lot of fun for all of the entrants."

Dr. Henderson said that Harding's team has won the Emory games approximately three times and the Michigan State games three or four times. Harding has also won the Reno games once.



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New computer major added

by Tony Bono

The Academic Affairs Committee and faculty have approved a computer science major for Harding's fall 1982 curriculum. According to Dr. Dean Priest, chairman of the math department, the new major will be under the direction of the math department and will be more oriented toward programming, problem solving and working directly with the computer than the present computer programs.

"We feel we have what the computer science major is looking for. For the first time, we have a bona fide computer science major," Dr. Priest said.

The new major consists of 33 hours of computer science courses, 13 hours of math and 12 hours of business courses. Dr. Priest said that there are four categories of learning computer science; Harding's major involves three of the four: scientific application, operations research and information systems. He said the new major will not include the fourth category of actual building the machinery of the computer. "Harding is not an engineering school," Dr. Priest said. "That's too expensive."

Computer education began at Harding in 1976 when the business department cooperated with the math department in having a computer applications major. That program consists of 27 hours of math, 27 hours of business, and 20 hours of computing. "That's too tough," Dr.

Priest said. "It's almost like having a triple major."

Dr. Priest explained that two years ago the business department designed their own computer major and called it business systems analysis. "It (business systems analysis) involves more business and less computer," he said. He said the business systems curriculum is designed more for management and handling of data. "The business systems major is a go-between for the computer science people and the business world," Dr. Priest said. "A computer science major actually makes the computer do its jobs."

Dr. Priest believes the new major is more versatile. He said that the business systems program includes two computer languages while the computer science program includes many: Cobol, Fortran, Basic, Pascal, Assembler Language and many others.

Dr. Priest indicated that the computer science major will be a replacement for computer applications. He said the computer science major will be much easier to obtain in both academics and number of hours.

The job market for computer science is wide open, according to Dr. Priest, in that there are approximately 12 job openings for every graduate trained in computer science. He also said he believes the job market will even double in the next five years. "We're going to have a more marketable degree with computer science," he said.

"I can't help but believe that there are a large number of students in their present computer majors at Harding (i.e., business systems analysis and computer applications) who are really seeking computer science but are in their major as a second choice," Dr. Priest said. "These unsatisfied students now have a viable option in computer science."

Baldwin and Blickenstaff finish as AIC leaders

Defensive back Bruce Baldwin and quarterback-punter Kyle Blickenstaff finished the 1981 football season as leaders in interceptions and punting, according to Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference commissioner Harry Hall.

Baldwin picked off nine passes this season to lead the AIC and

rank in the top 10 in the NAIA. The 6-2, 195 pounder returned his interceptions for 25 yards.

Blickenstaff led all conference punters with a 38.5 average on 57 punts for 2,195 yards. The 6-3, 195 lb. junior also was third in total offense and passing with 1,688 and 1,556 yards respectively.

Bison tailback Tony McCoy finished second in rushing with 1,021 yards as the third runner in Harding history to exceed 1,000 yards in a single season. McCoy also ranked fifth in kickoff returns with 556 yards in 29 kicks for a 19.2 average.

Harding dominated the pass receiving category with freshman Mark Adkison catching 41 for 572 yards and five touchdowns for number two position, sophomore Don Shumate of Sherwood catching 34 for 529 yards and two touchdowns, and junior Mike Peacock catching 22 for 255 yards and one touchdown.

Senior Lafe Caton of Inola, Okla. had 119 yards on 17 punt returns to rank third in the AIC with an average of 7.0 yards per return. Sophomore placekicker Steve Hunter placed sixth in scoring with 54 total points.

As a team, the Bisons ranked seventh offensively with an average of 299 yards per game. Defensively, Harding was fifth, allowing 349 yards per game.

Psi Chi to induct 16 members Sunday evening

Harding's chapter of the national psychology honor society, Psi Chi, will formally induct 16 new members Sunday evening at the home of sponsor Dr. Walter Porter.

Members to be inducted include: Randy Anthony, Ray Beaudry, Mike Bedwell, Keith Book, Michael Brown, Marla Clark, Jonathan Cloud, Renee Flanagan, Glenda Grigson, Ken Henry, Joy Hogge, David Jenkins, Karla Kell, Edmund Metcalfe, Jane Powell and Chris Riley.

Membership is open only to students with an overall grade point average of 3.0 and with an intended major or minor in the field of psychology.

Officers for the 1981-82 academic year are Kae Rea, president; Randy Anthony, vice president; Renee Flanagan, secretary; and Ken Henry, treasurer.

Rea said members attended the fall meeting of the Arkansas Psychological Association in Hot Springs "to keep up on what's happening in the field of psychology." Tentative plans are scheduled for the spring semester, including attendance at the spring meeting of the Arkansas Psychological Association.

According to the Psi Chi handbook, the purpose of Psi Chi is to advance the science of psychology, and to encourage, stimulate and maintain scholarship among the individual members in all fields, particularly in psychology.

Dr. Porter estimated that there are approximately 500 chapters nationwide with a combined membership near 120,000. Harding's chapter was formed in 1976.



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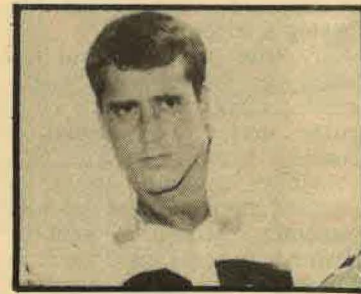
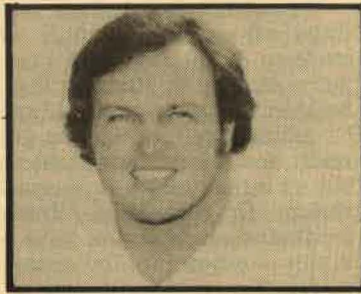
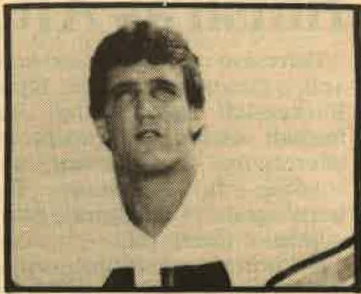
Bison gridders set new records

Sixteen individual and team records were rewritten during the 1981 football season. Outstanding individual performances accounted for most of the new standards as quarterback Kyle Blickenstaff accounted for four, field goal specialist Steve Hunter added four, and defensive back Bruce Baldwin had two.

A junior man-under, Blickenstaff established a new school and Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference single season record for passing attempts with 262. He set single game records of most passes completed (22), yards gained passing (275), and yards total offense (300).

Hunter eclipsed all the field goal records on the books. The Stigler, Okla. sophomore set new marks for career (15), for single season (15), for game (5), and for longest (52 yards). He also set a single game record for points scored by kicking with 18 points against Southeastern Oklahoma on Sept. 26.

A junior from Jacksonville, Ill., Baldwin set records defensively with interceptions for career (12) and single season (9).



Selected to the All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference football team were (from left) punter Kyle Blickenstaff, offensive tackle Dain Clark, defensive back Lafe Caton and kicker Steve Hunter.

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Four Bisons named to All-AIC team

Four Harding athletes have been named to the 1981 All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference football team, according to commissioner Harry Hall.

The 31-member All-AIC team is selected by ballot of the conference coaches. Named to the honor unit were punter Kyle Blickenstaff, offensive tackle Dain Clark, defensive back Lafe Caton, and kicking specialist Steve Hunter.

A bona fide triple-threat performer, Blickenstaff led the AIC in punting this season with a 38.5-yard average in 57 punts for 2195 yards. As the Bisons' quarterback, the Boise, Idaho junior passed for 1,556 yards on 120 completions out of 262 attempts. He added 132 yards rushing to rank third in the league's total offense category

with 1,688 yards.

Clark is a four-year starter from Payo, Ga. and weighs in at 250 lbs. A solid, dependable performer, Clark was an honorable mention selection last year. During his career he has been recognized 11 times as Player of the Week for his outstanding play.

As co-captain of the Bison squad, Caton performed double duty as defensive back and punt return specialist to earn his second All-AIC award. Known as a hard-hitting defender, Caton ranked third in tackles on the 1981 squad with 64 individual tackles and 49 assists. He had two pass interceptions, a blocked kick, and a runner for a loss.

As a junior, Caton was pressed into duty at the tailback position and rushed for 370 yards on 120

carries. In his career, he has returned 47 kickoffs for 1,053 yards for a 22.4 yard average. Also, he has 221 return yards on 36 punts and four interceptions for 69 return yards. Caton is a native of Inola, Okla.

Hunter is a sophomore who jumped to national prominence with his effective field goal kicking. From Stigler, Okla.,

Hunter set an AIC single season record with 15 field goals, and a school and AIC record for the longest field goal — 52 yards against the University of Central Arkansas.

Hunter kicked five field goals against Southeastern Oklahoma and scored 54 points for the season by kicking.

Two Bisons named to academic team

Two Harding footballers have been named to the College Sports Information Directors Association College Division Academic All-District 6 team, according to district coordinator Nancy Burch of Rice University.

Bison players selected were linebacker Randy Buttram and defensive back Lafe Caton.

District 6 of COSIDA includes colleges and universities from Arkansas, Texas, and New Mexico. Players selected to the All-District team will be placed on the national ballot from which

the Academic All-America Team will be selected in December.

"Players selected represent the best in both academics and athletics at the college level," Burch said. "Each one is a leader not only on the field and in the classroom, but in student organizations and activities as well."

Buttram is a three-year letterman from Windermere, Fla. A major in biology and pre-dentistry, he has compiled a 3.29 grade point average (4.0 scale). A 5-11, 195 pounder, he was

credited with 55 tackles, 64 assists, and two blocked kicks. He is a 1979 graduate of West Orange High School.

Caton served as co-captain during the 1981 season. He is a two-time All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference and NAIA All-District selection. In 1981 he recorded 64 tackles, 49 assists, has two interceptions, and blocked a kick. A physical education major, he compiled a 3.33 grade point average. He is a 1978 graduate of Inola High School in Inola, Okla.



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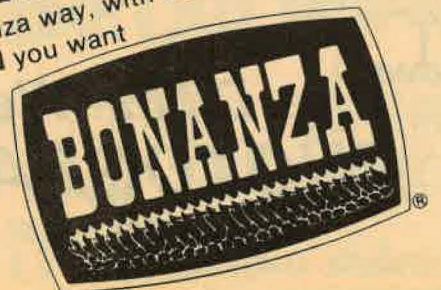
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The First Annual Bissell Bowl Predictions

This article probably needs some pre-reading explanation, so I will explain the intention of today's column.

First of all, gambling is against my principles so please don't place money on these scores. Second, this is my first time to attempt to choose the winners, so if someone were to take my advice, I would advise him to reverse each winner and make up his own score because with my luck, every contest would end up a tie. Thirdly, my opinion may be a little biased in some instances, as my favorite teams are going to win anyway. So, without further ado, I now present to you the First Annual Ken Bissell Major Bowl Predictions.

This will consist of the five New Year's Day contests plus a few of my own favorite games. They will occur in order of their ap-

pearance (or maybe appear in order of their occurrence).

Gator Bowl — Arkansas (8-3) takes on North Carolina (9-2). I forgot to tell you that I always list my favorite things first. Arkansas will get its top three runningbacks kicked off the team for being caught without sleeping with a pigskin by coach Lou Holtz and still manage to romp the Tar Heels, 31-6. (I bet you Boomer Sooners remember that story.)

Liberty Bowl — It seems that there are more people going to Harding from Ohio than there are people in Searcy. The Midshipmen from the Naval Academy should love me for this one. Navy 17, Ohio State 16.

Cotton Bowl — Texas (9-1-1) vs. Alabama (9-1-1) in a slugfest, if you consider a cow taking on an elephant a fight. This is a toughie because my roommate is from

Texas and Teresa Robinson is from Alabama, and NOBODY wants to get that girl mad! Still, the Bear won't find honey at the end of this rainbow: Texas 27, 'Bama 21.

Fiesta Bowl — To start, I consider it a mortal sin for another bowl to break the tradition of New Year's by trying to interrupt the old four-game format. But what is done is done. Southern Cal (9-2), with Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Allen, plays former top-ranked Penn State (9-2). Simple enough: USC 22, Penn State 17.

Rose Bowl — I barely know where Iowa (8-3) is on the map, and the only thing I know about their football team is that it is in the Big-10. Washington State (9-2) isn't much better off, except that I know where it's located. Wash. State 10, Iowa 7.

Orange Bowl — The Nebraska Cornhuskers (who would want a name like Cornhusker?) take on the number one-ranked Clemson Tigers. Honestly, this could be the best game of the day. I really don't think it deserves the ranking, but Clemson should be



Sports Spectrum

by Ken Bissell

the National Champions after the day is over. Clemson 21, Nebraska 20.

Sugar Bowl — I've got to admit that this will probably be the game that I'll watch the least. Nothing against Pittsburgh or Georgia, mind you. It's just that both have won a national championship in the last five or six years (Pittsburgh in the Tony Dorsett era and Georgia last year). Herschel Walker is too much for the Panther defense to stop but Pittsburgh's Dan Marino is not just your average quarterback, either. I honestly think this one could end up in a 14-14 tie.

Now that we have those out of the way, we can go on to funnier things. Texas A&M takes on Oklahoma State in the In-

dependence Bowl. I would have placed this one where it belonged in order of its appearance but that would have meant that Texas A&M was my favorite team (in other words, for you slow people, the Independence Bowl is before the Gator Bowl and I'm from the Land of Opportunity, wooooo pig soooooie!). I know there are enough Aggie jokes floating around, but how in the world can a team go 6-5 and still make it to a bowl game? Search me! Oklahoma State 34, Texas A&M 21.

Obviously, some of these were funny and some were just plain stupid. All were in fun, however, and I hope your favorite team wins, whichever it might be (that goes for you too, Dr. McKelvain.) Have a sporty holiday!

Basketball team posts best start in years

The Harding University basketball team has recorded only two losses in its first eight games, one of the best starts in years.

The Bisons were beaten by School of the Ozarks, 60-58, in the second game of the season, and last weekend by Tarkio, 66-55, in the first round of the McDonald's Classic at Point Lookout, Mo. The Bisons came back to take third in the tournament, with an 82-61 win over Baptist Bible College.

At the annual AIC basketball news conference, the coaches agreed that more than one team would have a chance to win the league title, but Henderson State was given the nod as an early favorite. The Reddies received

six first place votes. U-A Monticello finished a close second in the poll, with two first place votes. UAM returns five starters plus University of Arkansas transfer James (Rocket) Crockett.

Hendrix, Central Arkansas, and Arkansas College round out the top five. The Bisons were picked to finish eighth, but only one point separates them from the sixth place team, Arkansas Tech.

Senior Charles Gardner is the Bisons' leading scorer, averaging 19.3 points per game. Gardner is also averaging just under 10 rebounds per contest. In the Bisons' first eight games, Gardner has led the team in both

shooting and rebounding six times. Sophomore Lawrence McNutt is the second leading scorer, hitting 10.3 points per game.

Sophomore center Allen Gibbons has added strength to the middle of the Bison lineup. Gibbons is shooting nearly 60 percent from the field. Coach Jess Bucy describes the 6-8 Gibbons as "perhaps the most improved player in the AIC."

Guard Hubie Smith is closing in on the all-time Harding career assist record. Through eight games, Smith needed only 23 more assists to break Tim Vick's record of 398, established in the '72 through '75 seasons. Smith is averaging five assists per game.

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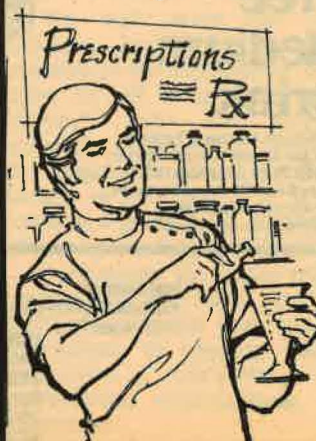
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Dating attitudes

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one of two reasons: either the student felt that there is plenty of privacy to be had or he felt that privacy was a thing to be avoided.

"If a couple wants privacy, there are a lot of places they can go to find it," wrote some. But some had the attitude of the 23-year old junior guy who wrote, "In a 'dating greenhouse' like Harding, too much privacy can lead to trouble before you know what hits you — premarital sex."

As one guy put it, however,

"Apparently there are hundreds of couples with nowhere to be alone — so they carry on in public."

PDA

This brings us to the subject of public display of affection, affectionately abbreviated PDA. The feelings here range from "Go for it!" to demands that it be brought to a halt, with a few taking positions of neutrality.

The majority felt that PDA was offensive, calling it "immature" and "too personal and meaningful to be flaunted," and

"inconsiderate and selfish."

Several students placed limits on what amount of PDA was offensive to them. A senior girl wrote, "The holding of hands and the like is OK, but the French kissing and sensuous caressing that goes on in public is repulsive!"

At the opposite pole were statements like "I love it!" and "It's great! Go for it!" Both remarks written by female students.

"Modesty is the key," wrote a male senior. "It's OK as long as it isn't overdone."

Dislikes

Among their dislikes of dating at Harding, guys complaints were: not enough to do; no privacy; too much emphasis on marriage; and the feeling that girls are too seriously set on speedy, intimate relationships.

"Not much to do but go to a movie or bowl," wrote a male senior. "We need dances! (no booze or sex, just dances.)"

Harding girls listed among their dislikes some of the same complaints: no variety in things to do; too much teaching and pressure toward marriage; and the lack of privacy. However, the girls also complained about Harding men, saying they are scared to ask girls out; they feel a pressure toward marriage and serious relationship that is self-inflicted; they think of dating too seriously; and guys have "combination lock wallets."

Likes

The things guys like about dating at Harding are that it is inexpensive; they like the girls; it is easy to do, and girls are readily available.

Girls like the amount of ac-

tivities going on at Harding and the club functions which allow them to ask guys out.

Both guys and girls overwhelmingly indicated their gratefulness for the abundant supply of Christians from which to choose a mate and the unique Christian atmosphere at Harding.

"Harding students who date Christians are very aware of the third person on a date — God," wrote one guy. "What better way is there to have fun than when Jesus is there to share your joy and laughs."

Guys regard Harding girls as a valuable commodity, describing them as "super sweet," "friendly," "high quality," and "quality foxes."

A sophomore girl wrote, "I LOVE and am thankful for the many Christian attitudes about dating. I am grateful for the respect I receive when dating here."

As one girl states it, "I like Harding dating because there is a good variety of Christian personalities. Everyone has their special 'dream' person. If we all look hard enough, yet with an open mind, we'll find him or her."

Perhaps one guy put it best when he listed his likes about Harding dating as: "The challenge. The thrill of victory. The agony of defeat."

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